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AI presents political peril for 2024 with threat to mislead voters

By DAVID KLEPPER and ALI SWENSON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Computer engineers and tech-inclined political scientists have warned for years that cheap, powerful artificial intelligence tools would soon allow anyone to create fake images, video and audio that was realistic enough to fool voters and perhaps sway an election.

The synthetic images that emerged were often crude, unconvincing and costly to produce, especially when other kinds of misinformation were so inexpensive and easy to spread on social media. The threat posed by AI and so-called deepfakes always seemed a year or two away. No more. Sophisticated generative AI tools can now create cloned human voices and hyper-realistic images, videos and audio in seconds, at minimal cost. When strapped to powerful social media algorithms, this fake and digitally created content can spread far and fast and target highly specific audiences, potentially taking campaign dirty tricks to a new low.

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Biden, congressional leaders likely to meet Tuesday

By SEUNG MIN KIM

Associated Press

REHOBOTH BEACH, Del.

(AP) — President Joe Biden and congressional leaders will likely resume talks on Tuesday at the White House over the debt limit, the president said Sunday, as the nation continues to edge closer to its legal borrowing authority with no agreement in sight. The meeting was initially supposed to be Friday, but was abruptly postponed so staff-level talks could continue before Biden and the four congressional leaders huddled for a second time. Administration and congressional officials said Sunday that a meeting has not been finalized, although Tuesday was the likeliest option as Biden returns to

Washington on Monday and is scheduled to leave for the Group of 7 summit in Japan on Wednesday. Biden did not detail much progress in the talks, but said he remained hopeful that an agreement could be reached with Republicans to avoid what would be an unprecedented debt default, which could trigger a financial catastrophe.

"I remain optimistic because I'm a congenital optimist," Biden told reporters while out for a bike ride in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. "But I really think there's a desire on their part as well as ours to reach an agreement. I think we'll be able to do it." Aides said talks had continued throughout the weekend.



President Joe Biden speaks to members of the media as he goes on a bike ride in Gordons Pond State Park in Rehoboth Beach, Del., Sunday, May 14, 2023.

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But at least publicly, there was little indication that either the White House or House Republicans had budged from their initial positions. Biden has called on lawmakers to lift the debt limit without preconditions, warning that the nation's borrowing authority should not be used to impose deep spending cuts and other conservative policy demands. "We've not reached the crunch point yet," Biden told reporters Saturday before flying to his beach home for the weekend. "There's real discussion about some changes we all could make. We're not there yet." On Sunday, senior administration officials said the talks among staff had so far been productive after Biden and the leaders — House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky — ended their first meeting last Tuesday without a breakthrough. The president described that Oval Office session as "productive" even though McCarthy said later he "didn't see any new movement" toward resolving the

stalemate. White House and congressional aides have been in talks since Wednesday. "The staff is very engaged. I would characterize the engagement as serious, as constructive," Lael Brainard, head of the White House's National Economic Council, said on CBS' "Face the Nation." An increase in the debt limit would not authorize new federal spending. It would only allow for borrowing to pay for what Congress has already approved. The Treasury Department has said the government could exhaust the ability to pay its bills as early as June 1. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office gave a similar warning Friday, saying there was a "significant risk" of default sometime in the first two weeks of next month. But federal estimates still remain in flux. The CBO noted Friday that if the cash flow at the Treasury and the "extraordinary measures" that the department is now using can continue to pay for bills through June 15, the government can probably finance its operations through the end of July. That's because the expected tax revenues that will come in mid-June and other measures will give the federal government enough cash for at least a few more weeks. □

AI presents political peril for 2024 with threat to mislead voters

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The implications for the 2024 campaigns and elections are as large as they are troubling: Generative AI can not only rapidly produce targeted campaign emails, texts or videos, it also could be used to mislead voters, impersonate candidates and undermine elections on a scale and at a speed not yet seen.

"We're not prepared for this," warned A.J. Nash, vice president of intelligence at the cybersecurity firm ZeroFox. "To me, the big leap forward is the audio and video capabilities that have emerged. When you can do that on a large scale, and distribute it on social platforms, well, it's going to have a major impact."

AI experts can quickly rattle off a number of alarming scenarios in which generative AI is used to create synthetic media for the purposes of confusing voters, slandering a candidate or even inciting violence.

Here are a few: Automated robocall messages, in a candidate's voice, instructing voters to cast ballots on the wrong date; audio recordings of a candidate supposedly confessing to

a crime or expressing racist views; video footage showing someone giving a speech or interview they never gave. Fake images designed to look like local news reports, falsely claiming a candidate dropped out of the race.

"What if Elon Musk personally calls you and tells you to vote for a certain candidate?" said Oren Etzioni, the founding CEO of the Allen Institute for AI, who stepped down last year to start the nonprofit AI2. "A lot of people would listen. But it's not him."

Former President Donald Trump, who is running in 2024, has shared AI-generated content with his followers on social media. A manipulated video of CNN host Anderson Cooper that Trump shared on his Truth Social platform on Friday, which distorted Cooper's reaction to the CNN town hall this past week with Trump, was created using an AI voice-cloning tool.

A dystopian campaign ad released last month by the Republican National Committee offers another glimpse of this digitally manipulated future. The online ad, which came after President Joe Biden announced his reelection campaign,

and starts with a strange, slightly warped image of Biden and the text "What if the weakest president we've ever had was re-elected?"

A series of AI-generated images follows: Taiwan under attack; boarded up storefronts in the United States as the economy crumbles; soldiers and armored military vehicles patrolling local streets as tattooed criminals and waves of immigrants create panic.

"An AI-generated look into the country's possible future if Joe Biden is re-elected in 2024," reads the ad's description from the RNC.

The RNC acknowledged its use of AI, but others, including nefarious political campaigns and foreign adversaries, will not, said Petko Stoyanov, global chief technology officer at Forcepoint, a cybersecurity company based in Austin, Texas. Stoyanov predicted that groups looking to meddle with U.S. democracy will employ AI and synthetic media as a way to erode trust.

"What happens if an international entity — a cybercriminal or a nation state — impersonates someone. What is the impact? Do we have any recourse?" Stoy-



Rep. Yvette Clarke, D-N.Y., flanked by Rep. Robin Kelly, D-Ill., left, and Rep. Mike Doyle, D-Pa., holds a news conference at the Capitol in Washington, Nov. 4, 2021.

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anov said. "We're going to see a lot more misinformation from international sources."

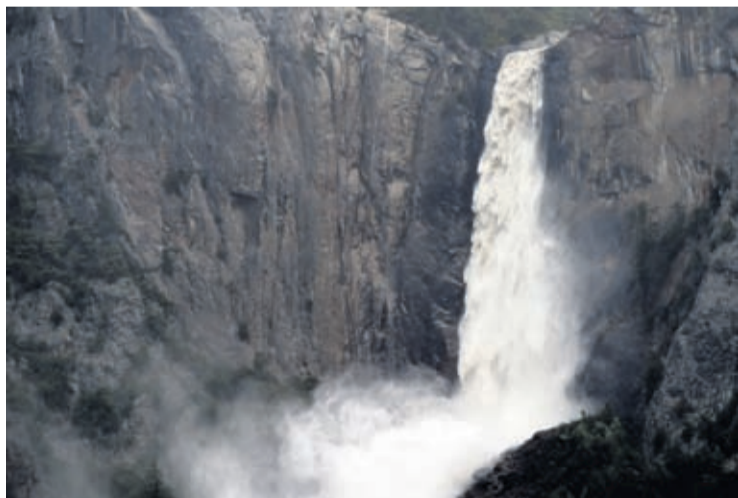
AI-generated political disinformation already has gone viral online ahead of the 2024 election, from a doctored video of Biden appearing to give a speech attacking transgender people to AI-generated images of children supposedly learning satanism in libraries.

AI images appearing to show Trump's mug shot also fooled some social media users even though the former president didn't take one when he was booked and arraigned

in a Manhattan criminal court for falsifying business records. Other AI-generated images showed Trump resisting arrest, though their creator was quick to acknowledge their origin.

Legislation that would require candidates to label campaign advertisements created with AI has been introduced in the House by Rep. Yvette Clarke, D-N.Y., who has also sponsored legislation that would require anyone creating synthetic images to add a watermark indicating the fact. Some states have offered their own proposals for addressing concerns about deepfakes. □

Yosemite National Park to close over flood threat



In this April 7, 2018, file photo, the raging Bridalveil Fall plummets into Yosemite Valley, while closed to the public due to a flooding Merced River, in Yosemite National Park, Calif.

Associated Press

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — Three popular campgrounds at California's Yosemite National Park will be temporarily closed starting Monday

because of a forecast of flooding as warming temperatures melt the Sierra Nevada's massive snowpack.

Park officials said Sunday

that the Lower and North Pines Campgrounds and the Housekeeping Camp will be shut over fears that waterways could overflow their banks.

The National Weather Service issued a flood watch for the area until at least Friday.

"The combination of extended hot weather and abundant snow means the Merced River may remain above flood stage for some time," the park said in a statement.

An update on the closures will be provided Monday evening.

Late last month, eastern sections of the famed Yosemite Valley were closed for a few days over fears of floods that never materialized.

Spring weather is quickly melting huge amounts of snow that accumulated in mountains from a series of epic winter storms.

Storm runoff has caused flooding of San Joaquin Valley agricultural fields below the southern Sierra. But the major melt of the massive snowpack has yet to

occur.

The state Department of Water Resources said earlier this month that despite a brief increase in temperatures in late April, the snowpack has melted at a slower pace than average because of below-average temperatures early in the month and cloud cover. □




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NYC converts hotels to shelters to accommodate asylum seekers

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The historic Roosevelt Hotel in midtown Manhattan shuttered three years ago, but it will soon be bustling again — reopening to accommodate an anticipated influx of asylum seekers just as other New York City hotels are being converted to emergency shelters.

Mayor Eric Adams announced Saturday that the city will use the Roosevelt to eventually provide as many as 1,000 rooms for migrants who are expected to arrive in coming weeks because of the expiration of pandemic-era rules, known collectively as Title 42, that had allowed federal officials to turn away asylum seekers from the U.S. border with Mexico.

Across the city, hotels like the Roosevelt that served tourists just a few years ago are being transformed into emergency shelters, many of them in prime locations within walking distance from Times Square, the World Trade Center memorial site and the Empire State Building. A legal mandate requires the city to provide shelter to anyone who needs it.

Even so, Adams says the city is running out of room



Recent immigrants to the United States lie on the sidewalk with their belongings as they talk to city officials in front of the Watson Hotel in New York, Monday, Jan. 30, 2023.

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for migrants and has sought financial help from the state and federal governments.

"New York City has now cared for more than 65,000 asylum seekers — already opening up over 140 emergency shelters and eight large-scale humanitarian relief centers in addition to this one to manage this national crisis," the mayor said in a statement announcing the Roosevelt decision.

The storied hotel near Grand Central Terminal served as election headquarters for New York Gov. Thomas Dewey, who

in 1948 was said to have wrongly announced from the Roosevelt that he had defeated Harry Truman for president.

As the city faces growing pressure to expand its shelter system, it is turning to vacant hotels for those who need a roof and a place to bunk down as they sort out their lives. One of them is the Holiday Inn, located in Manhattan's Financial District. A few months ago, signs in the lobby windows of the 50-story, 500-room hotel said it was closed.

Scott Markowitz of Tarter

Krinsky & Drogin, attorneys for the hotel's owner, said reopening as a city-sponsored shelter made financial sense.

"They rent out every room at the hotel at a certain price every night," Markowitz said, adding that it is bringing "substantially more revenue" than normal operations would have brought in.

It's not new for the city to turn to hotels for New Yorkers without homes when shelters and other options weren't available.

During the pandemic,

group shelters made it difficult to comply with social distancing rules, prompting the city to rent out hundreds of hotel rooms as quasi COVID wards. As the pandemic eased, the city became less reliant on hotels.

That changed as thousands of migrants began arriving by bus last year.

The Watson Hotel on West 57th Street, which used to receive rave reviews for its rooftop pool and proximity to Central Park, is now being used to house migrant families.

"It is our moral and legal obligation to provide shelter to anyone who needs it," the city's Department of Social Services said in a statement. "As such, we have utilized, and will continue to utilize, every tool at our disposal to meet the needs of every family and individual who comes to us seeking shelter."

Before the surge in asylum seekers, the city was dealing with increased homelessness, packed shelters and a dearth of affordable housing. New York even announced a plan to send hundreds of migrants to hotels in suburban Orange and Rockland counties across the Hudson River, angering local leaders. □

Oakland's striking teachers and school district reach agreement



Oakland Unified School District teachers, students and parents picket outside La Escuelita Elementary School on the fifth day on strike in Oakland, Calif., on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland Unified School District and striking teachers have reached agree-

ment on four "common good" provisions that had been sticking points during the walkout that is now in its

second week. "We are still on strike, but momentum is on our side," the Oakland Education Association said on Twitter Saturday night.

The union representing 3,000 educators, counselors and other workers has maintained the district has failed to bargain in good faith on a new three-year contract that also makes more traditional demands like higher salaries. The striking workers want their contract to also include provisions that address racial equity, homelessness and environmental justice for students. On Saturday night, four of those demands had been agreed upon, relating to: housing and transportation, the community schools grant, the Black thriving community schools initiative, and school closures, the Bay Area News Group reported. It was not immediately clear Sunday morning how close the two sides were on reaching a deal on the demands still left on the table, particularly related to increased compensation.

Superintendent Kyla Johnson-Trammell said in a message to parents last week that the district, the state's 11th largest, is offering raises of as much as 22% for some teachers. Teachers have maintained that adding support beyond the classroom would

improve learning conditions and retain educators. Other common-good demands include providing more mental health support, fixing deteriorating schools, and offering subsidized transportation for low-income students.

The strike comes at the end of the school year, which wraps up May 25. But the district's 80 schools have remained open to the district's 34,000 students, with meals being offered and office staff educating and supervising. Only about 1,200 students have shown up to school since the strike started May 4, district spokesperson John Sasaki said last week. □

Israeli cease-fire appears to hold, despite new rocket launch

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Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)

— A fragile cease-fire between Israeli forces and militants in the Gaza Strip appeared to be holding on Sunday after a five-day clash that killed 33 Palestinians and two people in Israel.

In an early test for the truce, Palestinian militants fired a rocket that landed in an open area of southern Israel Sunday evening. Palestinian media said the launch was caused by a technical error as militants were trying to deactivate the rocket.

Israel responded with tank fire on what it said were two military posts belonging to Gaza's ruling Hamas militant group. Hamas stayed out of the recent round of fighting, but Israel says it holds the group responsible for fire coming out of the territory. The latest round of Gaza fighting was sparked Tuesday when Israeli jets killed three top commanders from the Islamic Jihad militant group in response to earlier rocket launches from Gaza. Those killings set off a barrage of militant fire and the conflagration threatened to drag the region into another all-out war until Egypt mediated a cease-fire that took hold late Saturday.

While the calm appeared to bring a sense of relief to Gaza's 2 million people and hundreds of thousands of Israelis who had been largely confined to bomb shelters in recent days, the agreement did nothing to address the underlying issues that have fueled numerous rounds of fighting between Israel and Palestinian militant groups in the Gaza Strip over the years. In Gaza, residents surveyed the latest damage caused to their surroundings, with gaping holes left in the apartments serving as what Israel said were hideouts for the six senior Islamic Jihad members killed during this round.

Gaza's main cargo cross-



Smoke and fire rise from an explosion caused by an Israeli airstrike targeting a building in Gaza, Saturday, May 13, 2023. The building was owned by an Islamic Jihad official.

Associated Press

ing with Israel reopened Sunday after warnings that keeping it closed would force Gaza's sole power plant to shut down, deepening a power crisis.

Israel was gradually lifting restrictions on residents in southern Israel, which had borne the brunt of the rocket fire.

Israeli officials expressed satisfaction with the latest battle, having killed at least six members of Islamic Jihad's top brass in what it says were pinpointed strikes based on solid intelligence. But at least 13 of those killed in Gaza were civilians, among them children as young as 4 years old, as well as women.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the targeted attacks on the militants' hideouts would reverberate around the region.

"Israel's enemies in Gaza and much farther than Gaza know that even if they try to hide, we are able and prepared to reach them at any time," he told a meeting of his Cabinet.

Israel has faced criticism in the past from rights groups over the civilian casualties in its bombardments in Gaza.

Israel says it does its utmost to avoid harming civilians in its strikes and says militants operate from within the ter-

ritory's densely populated areas to fire rockets indiscriminately at Israeli communities.

Even if some of the strikes were precise, others destroyed the homes of uninjured Palestinians.

"If they want to target a house, let them target it alone. Why destroy the whole neighborhood? Why?" said Mai Sarson, whose house in Deir el-Balah was reduced to ruins in an Israeli strike.

Throughout the fighting, Israel's repeated airstrikes targeting Islamic Jihad and its command centers and rocket-launching sites showed no signs of stopping the rocket fire, prompting Islamic Jihad to declare victory and sending cheering Palestinians out into the streets late Saturday.

The Israeli military reported over 1,400 launches throughout the fighting, with some rockets reaching as far as the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem areas. Israeli jets struck more than 400 targets, according to a preliminary military tally, which also showed about a fifth of the rockets were misfired and landed in Gaza, while most of the rest were either intercepted or landed in open areas.

An 80-year-old woman and

a Palestinian laborer who was working inside Israel were killed by rocket fire. A Palestinian human rights group said three people, including two children, were killed in Gaza by errant rockets.

It was the latest in a long series of battles between Israel and Palestinian militants in Gaza since the Islamic militant group Hamas seized control of the seaside territory in 2007. Israel and Hamas have fought four wars, and there have been numerous smaller flareups as well.

Saturday's deal did not address many of the causes of the repeated fighting, including Israel's ongoing blockade of Gaza, the large arsenals of weapons possessed by Hamas and Islamic Jihad and Israeli policies in the occupied West Bank and east Jerusalem. The Gaza violence came after more than a year of fighting in the occupied West Bank, where the Israeli military has been staging near-nightly arrest raids and Palestinians have carried out repeated attacks. Tensions could once again soar this week when nationalist Israelis hold an annual march through a sensitive area of Jerusalem's Old City, which the Palestinians view as provocative. □

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Deputy Homeland Security Adviser Amy Pope listens as President Barack Obama speaks in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington, May 20, 2016.

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By JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — He's European. She's American. He runs the U.N. migration agency. She wants his job. International Organization for Migration director-general Antonio Vitorino of Portugal faces what could be a tight race against his Biden administration-backed deputy, Amy Pope, as member countries of the Geneva-based agency choose its chief for the next five years on Monday.

The election comes as migrants have been on the move like never before, driven from their homes by factors including conflict, economic distress and the growing impacts of climate

change.

The U.S. and the European Union — both major funders of IOM — are facing challenges with migration. Critics fault the EU for failing to do more to prevent often-deadly trips by migrants trying to cross the Mediterranean from north Africa to Europe by boat. The U.N. refugee agency and others have expressed concern about how changes to U.S. migration law will affect people trying to cross the Mexican border into the United States.

But IOM, which counts 175 member countries, is also grappling with mass migration crises far beyond — in places as diverse as Bangladesh, Ukraine, Sudan and among Venezuela's

Election at UN migration agency pits its European chief against his American deputy

neighbors in Latin America. The organization has nearly 19,000 staffers working in 171 countries to promote "humane and orderly" migration.

Its job in many of its 560 field offices worldwide is to provide support — food, water, shelter, and help with government-imposed paperwork — to migrants. The agency also collects and shares vast amounts of data about flows of people to governments, and advises them on policy decisions.

To win under IOM rules, a candidate needs to garner votes from two-thirds of countries that cast ballots in closed-door proceedings. Tradition has been that IOM chiefs get a second term, but Vitorino has not lined up support from all 27 member countries of the European Union.

Vitorino swept into the job in 2018 after IOM member countries rebuffed a candidate put up by the Trump administration, which pulled the U.S. out of the U.N.'s main human rights body, shunned globalism and espoused an "America First" policy that rankled

many. Vitorino is a former EU commissioner for Home and Justice Affairs and think-tank chief, who cut his teeth early in politics as a Portuguese Socialist, much like U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Supporters credit Vitorino with doing more to hire and promote women within IOM, improve dialogue with African countries and help draw contributions that saw its budget grow nearly 20 percent between 2019 and 2021, to \$2.5 billion, and staffing levels grow by nearly 40 percent from 2019 through last year. The U.S. administration has thrown its weight behind the candidacy of Pope, a former migration adviser to President Joe Biden. It is seeking to claw back the job for the U.S.: Eight of the 10 IOM directors-general since the agency was founded 72 years ago have been American.

Pope, IOM's deputy director for reform and management, is vying to become the agency's first woman chief. She's a former prosecutor and most of her career was spent working for the U.S. government.

She has touted her role in pushing through a budget reform that drew a \$75 million commitment from governments to improve field delivery and risk management. Her backers say more change is needed to help IOM adapt to growing migration challenges and diversify funding sources.

Under Biden, the United States has sought greater engagement with the United Nations and is trying to slot Americans into top U.N. posts.

Last fall, Doreen Bogdan-Martin defeated a Russian rival to take the top job at the International Telecommunications Union — succeeding its Chinese chief. This year, Cindy McCain, the widow of former presidential hopeful John McCain, became head of the U.N.'s World Food Program. Both candidates for the IOM job have been ramping up travel abroad, media appearances and social-media posts in recent months. Pope jumped into the race months before Vitorino, who let the suspense linger until Portugal announced his re-election bid late last year. □

China and Russia are increasing their military collaboration

By KARL RITTER and DAVID KEYTON

Associated Press

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi expressed concern Saturday about Russian and Chinese military cooperation in Asia and said the security situation in Europe could not be separated from that in the Indo-Pacific region since Moscow's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Speaking at a meeting of European and Indo-Pacific foreign ministers in Sweden, Hayashi said Russia's war in Ukraine had "shaken the very foundation of the international order" and must face a united response by the international community.

"Otherwise, similar challenges will arise in other

regions and the existing order which has underpinned our peace and prosperity could be fundamentally overturned," Hayashi said. Japan firmly backs Ukraine in the war but China says it remains neutral while declaring a "no limits" relationship with Moscow and blaming the U.S. and NATO for provoking the conflict. Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida visited the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, in March at the same time as Chinese President Xi Jinping met Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in Moscow.

Hayashi accused Beijing of "continuing and intensifying its unilateral attempts" to change the status quo in the East and South China seas by force and increasing its military activities around Taiwan.

"In addition, China and Russia are strengthening their military collaboration, including joint flights of their bombers and joint naval exercises in the vicinity of Japan," Hayashi said.

China, which claims most of the South China Sea as well as Japanese-held islands in the East China Sea, says it has the right to defend its sovereignty and development interests.

Hayashi also warned that North Korea was "escalating provocations" in the region by conducting ballistic missile launches "with a frequency and in a manner that are unprecedented." He joined dozens of ministers from the European Union and the Indo-Pacific region for the meeting just north of the Swedish capital. China was not invited



Yoshimasa Hayashi, center, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan, is received by Swedish Foreign Minister Tobias Billstrom, left, and European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell for an EU Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum in connection to an informal meeting of EU foreign affairs ministers in Marsta outside Stockholm, Saturday, May 13, 2023.

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to the talks.

"Since the aggression of Russia to Ukraine, the security situation here in Europe

and the security situation in the Pacific are not separable," Hayashi said as he arrived. □



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22 young Arubans uninitiated into the Youth Parliament of Aruba

(Oranjestad)—On May 12th, the initiation of 22 young Arubans into the Youth Parliament of Aruba took place. President of the foundation, Dave Martinus, elaborated on this celebration and shared what this means for the organization.

With this initiation, Martinus remarked that the foundation will begin a new trajectory, where they will be working towards development. The Youth Parliament stands for the rights of children, but also for the development of youths on Aruba. Martinus states, "Today marks the initiation of our standpoint and it's for that reason that this is a significant moment for us."

He further explained that the Youth Parliament and of Parliament of Aruba is no directly related to each other, but the idea is to sufficiently help youths develop into their own person, so that when they decide to join the parliament, they are a fully development MP with the skills required.

In terms of skills, he gave the example of skills that are sometimes missing amongst people, skills such as respectful debating and showing sympathy for others' opinion, among others. Mostly importantly, he states, is for the youth to develop into their own person, so that they could use their voice as confidently and clear as possible.

"At the end of the day, we wish that MPs could really pay attention to the voic-

es of these young initiates; that is what we are working towards," Martinus highlighted.

In order for these young initiates to form part of the Youth Parliament of Aruba, the president of the organizations explained they must first complete a few courses and projects.

In this case, they started with an extensive structure, in which the initiated will be going through different trajectories with the goal to be included in the youth parliament.

In terms of what comes after, Martinus explained that there many projects that they will be working on. One of these projects will focus on education, in which the initiates will have the opportunity to contribute their thoughts and ideas.

"We are very happy that the Aruban government has given them the opportunity to work on this project. It's also great that we receiving much support from both the initiates' parents as well as the parliament," Martinus expressed.

Lastly, Martinus stated that this initiation is the first stepping stone for the youths to work on their future, work on their personal development to be a respectful, honorable person that could represent the people of Aruba.

Misha Raymond, MP from the Raiz party, was also



present at this initiation ceremony. She indicated that for her, this is the first time she is experiencing something like this: "I'm deeply proud to see how many young people are initiated into the Youth Parliament. It's very heartwarming to see the seats in the hall filled with youth inspired to have a career in politics and to put in the work needed to fill the seats of the parliament," she expressed.

During the ceremony, the initiates presented differ-

ent articles concerning the treatment of children. Raymond explained that during the course of a year and a half, the Parliament of Aruba have indeed mentioned these articles several times, and she is extremely proud to see that the Youth Parliament is taking on this issue, because "not only do we lack the implementations of many of the articles, but they are standing for the principles of the articles and what they mean, so that they could do their job."



Henrick Tevreden, MP from the MEP fraction, was also present at the ceremony, and he expressed how impressed he was: "It's an impressive moment, because you see these young locals showing up in hopes to be empowered, established and united, so that in the future they could also occupy the seats of parliament and serve in the highest and most important position in the island," he stated.

In terms of the constitution of the organization on child treatment, the MP shared that the parliament itself has been attending this matter for many years now, and the rights of children have become an especially important focal point for the government of Aruba.

"The parliament is indeed doing their best; they have amended certain laws, have pressed on certain budgets and the social crisis plan has been implemented," he added.

Lastly, he stated that the Youth Parliament is firmly fighting so that the focal points concerning the treatment of children are more widely known across the island in within the Dutch kingdom in general. As MP, he expressed that the parliament is surely supporting these initiates and they think that this is the focus that they must keep an eye on, so that the rights of children can resonate across Aruba and are respected within the community. □

Papillon: The butterfly effect of magnificent food



PALM BEACH — Do you remember the film “Papillon” starring Steve McQueen? Papillon restaurant is the island’s example where ‘life imitates art.’ The décor, especially the restrooms, was inspired by the movie. For more than a decade this restaurant has built a reputation with the fusion of classic French cuisine, Dutch and Caribbean flavors. Welcome in the world of wonders where ambiance, taste and service come together and you feel you are being welcomed in the home of the owner and her team.

“We find it really important that our guests have fun; can relax while listening to live music while their taste buds are being tickled by France, The Netherlands and the Caribbean. We offer a unique fusion of dishes and a night not to forget,” says owner Tina. As our special guest you can choose to dine inside our heartwarming airconditioned restaurant or we also offer outside dining on a cozy, elegant terrace with great ambiance of the surroundings. Perfect setting for an enjoyable time people watching while sipping on a delicious cocktail.

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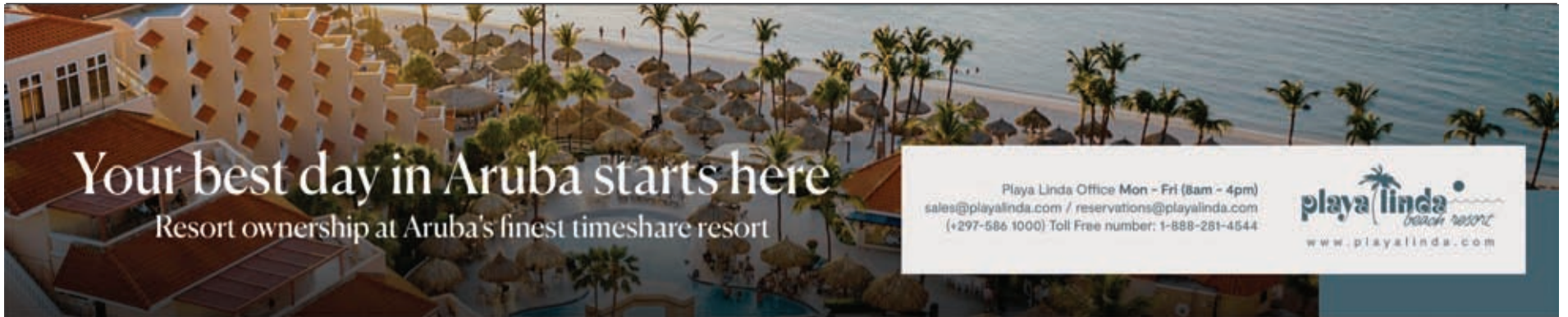
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Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Marriott's Ocean Club

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure to recognize Distinguished Visitors Aruba. This lovely couple were respectively honored with a certificate acknowledging their years of visits, loyalty, and love to the island of Aruba.

The honor certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Ma-sha Danki" to guests whom have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

The three honoring levels are as follows:

- Distinguished Visitor (10>years consecutively visiting Aruba)
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- Emerald Ambassador (35>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

The honorees were:

Distinguished Visitors of Aruba
Mr. Wayne & Mrs. Susanne Halsey from North Carolina, United States.



Ms. Kimberley Richardson representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of the Marriott's Ocean Club bestowed the certificate to the honorees, presented them with memorable gifts, and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their best-loved vacation destination and as their home-away-from-home.

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Halsey for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island".

Top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by Mr. & Mrs. Halsey were:

- Aruba's safety
- Aruba's friendly people
- Aruba's warm consistent weather all year round
- Aruba's nice sandy beaches
- The variety of things to do around the island. □



Today Is Going To Be A Good Day



Here's why: Aruba Today collected some things to do BEYOND the beach. Yes, we know. Aruba, located 15 miles north of Venezuela in the warm waters of the southern Caribbean, is home to beautiful white-sand beaches, 82-degree days, and thus ideal for the perfect beach day. But we are also blessed with some of the warmest people in the world and our island is

19.6 miles long and 6 miles across, with a total area of 70 square miles. Bit more to discover than the white stretch on the coastline we say. Let's mention some of these hidden gems.

Nature Calls

The Arikok National park is worth the ride. We love the hikes that are guided by the park's rangers whose job is to maintain trails and

protect natural resources. The flora and fauna are beautiful and the historical sites tell you about the island's indigenous roots. The guided tours are even free of charge. If you are not up to walking, you can drive through the park, one way or another this park is a great place to spend an entire day. Cruising through the landscape you end up at some of the most stunning beaches like Dos Playa or Daimara Beach. In Total the park consists of 7907 acres protected nature with a richness of animals living in it. The Aruban whip-tail lizard (cododo), Aruban cat eye snake (santanero) and endangered rattle snake (cascabel) are just some of them, you can also admire these close in the park's Visitors' Center. For more information, visit the website www.arubanation-alpark.org

The Lighthouse

No, you would not think of this as a hidden gem.



The California Lighthouse is actually one of the most known highlights in Aruba and many repeated guests most probably took the ride uphill already. But, there is a significant change to this tower. Since September 2016 you can climb the top. In 2015 Stichting Monumentenfonds started the restoration of the California Lighthouse. The project finished in September 2016 and the Lighthouse is now open for visitors to enjoy the beautiful view from the top. The construction of the California Lighthouse started in 1915. The name 'California' came from a vessel of the West India Company and Pacific Steamship Co. called 'California' that shipwrecked in the area in 1891. Therefore they came up with the idea of building a lighthouse that could indicate the island's east-

ern tip to ships with its light. www.arubalighthouse.com will give you more information.

Kayak in the Mangroves

Mangel Halto at Savaneta is definitely a place not to miss out on. The beautiful beach with the natural mangroves is simply a beauty, but if you are into a more active way to enjoy the nature: take a kayak. While you are doing some workout -as it might get a little windy and rough-, you will see the island from a different perspective. You can even make a stop to do some snorkeling at the reef. It's fun, it's healthy and for sure something else. There are several companies that offer kayak tours, we had good experience with The Shack Kayak Tours Aruba, find them on Facebook. □





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The San Nicolas Business Association on the Secrets Baby Beach project: “Haven’t you noticed that the west side of the island never encounters problems with hotels?”



(Oranjestad)—After the verdict of Judge Winfield from the Lar Administrative Court, in which he stated that the construction for the Secrets Baby Beach hotel by Three Rivers must be put on hold while the court decides on a new resolution, the San Nicolas Business Association have present their point of view on the issue.

Last Saturday, a group of inhabitants from Sero Colorado in San Nicolas has informed that according to the law, the Three Rivers project has a suspended construction permit, and so is not authorized to continue work on the Secrets Baby Beach Hotel project. To this, Judge W.C.E. Winfield has ruled that a suspension of the construction permit of Three Rivers is not necessary, due to the fact that according to Article 59 of the Building and housing ordinance (BWV), the moment an appeal has been made on the permit, construction must automatically be put on hold until further notice.

However, members of the San Nicolas Business Association (SNBA), have de-

cided come forward and express that San Nicolas is in need of further progress. President of the Association, Errol de Freitas, have mentioned that the plans of the hotel is facing yet another hold up, which to them seems unfair. This is because they feel that hotel projects on the west side of the island are not getting even 10% of the criticism they are receiving.

Within the community of San Nicolas, there is a widely felt sentiment of “Why We Again,” in reference of the fact that there is always something that gets in the way of the district’s progress. According to him, Regulations of the Spatial Development Plan (ROPV) has opened the door for San Nicolas to establish their own All-inclusive hotel, with the hopes that this could greatly contribute to the economy and work opportunities of the district.

As an association, they have previously decided to stay quiet on the issue with the inhabitants of Sero Colorado, but de Freitas have stated that “when you bring conflict, you have no room for conversation; you

have no room to reach an understanding or to overcome differences. This is the way we choose to go about this,”

He also argues that the Country Package given to the islands of the Dutch kingdom states that the islands must execute projects that will create an economic balance around the island. “Haven’t you noticed that the west side of the island never encounters problems with hotels? No one is opposed to those projects. This shows how much the ROPV has failed, because it seems that there are no regulations concerning the hotels built on the west side. It’s only for the fact that it’s in San Nicolas that people now have a problem with this new project,” de Freitas expressed.

In 2019, studies have shown the potential for San Nicolas to further grow as a district. It has been said then that “the time for San Nicolas is now.” Yet not much has been improved. De Freitas said that the time, they decided to stay quiet about their concerns. They

want the people of Aruba to support San Nicolas, the same way they support the development of other districts. At the same time, the president of the association stated that we need to stand still and think on what is most important for the district.

In terms of the judge’s verdict, there are seven points that caused a disruption for the association’s goal for San Nicolas. However, there is one point that has specifically “opened Pandora’s box again”, which may result in negative consequences not only for San Nicolas, “but also for the rest of the island, because shutting down an unfinished developed means wasting resources and plots of land on the island,” de Freitas explained. He expressed that the seed has already been planted, and that they will continue to share information about this new development in

the coming days.

They now wonder who will be responsible for the damages done: “Now that we have already started construction, do the people think we will just knock it down? I can understand their concern, but we have to put things into perspective and consider what the effects would mean,” he stated.

To finalize, the association expressed that they are against the verdict of the judge, but they do not want to lose sight of what this means: “You have feel what the community of San Nicolas feels; walk in streets and see how empty and lifeless it is. Some people don’t feel safe walking in the main street because of the sex work establishments that are in the area. San Nicolas is in need of some progress; some life. This is something that we take very seriously, yet we think people have lost sight of this.” □

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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13 Like lambs

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28 Like the desert

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

5-15 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: YOU ARE THE STORYTELLER OF YOUR OWN LIFE, AND YOU CAN CREATE YOUR OWN LEGEND, OR NOT. — ISABEL ALLENDE

Little progress has been made in curbing too high inflation, Fed's Jefferson says



Philip Jefferson, nominee to be a member of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, testifies during a Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee confirmation hearing on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, in Washington.

Associated Press

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve governor Philip Jefferson said Friday that inflation remains too high and there has been "little progress" made toward bringing it down to the central bank's 2% target, a pessimistic assessment given signs in a report earlier this week that price increases might be slowing.

Jefferson, who was nominated by President Joe Biden earlier Friday to the position of Fed vice chair, also said in a speech at the Hoover Institution in California that the turmoil in the U.S. financial system following the failure of three large banks will likely have only a limited impact on the economy.

Jefferson's potential elevation to the No. 2 spot on the Fed's seven-member board would give him greater influence over interest rate policy and make him a close colleague of Chair Jerome Powell.

While inflation has declined from its June peak by about 2.75 percentage points to 4.2% in March, compared with a year ago, Jefferson

said that "nearly all" of the decline stemmed from falling energy and food prices. "The bad news is that there has been little progress on core inflation," he said. Core prices exclude the volatile food and energy categories and are considered to be a better measure of underlying inflation. Jefferson also cited a closely watched metric often cited by Powell, which tracks the prices of services, from medical care to dining out, while excluding energy and housing costs. That measure "has not shown much sign of slowing," Jefferson said.

After the Fed's most recent policy meeting last week, the central bank suggested in a statement that it could pause its interest rate increases at its next meeting in June, after lifting its key rate 10 times in a row. The hikes are intended to slow spending, growth, and inflation. Jefferson did not hint in his remarks whether he would support such a pause. Many Fed officials are closely monitoring the impact of the failure of three large banks in the past two months. A recent

Fed report showed that banks have been pulling back on lending for months and slightly accelerated that tightening in the wake of the bank failures.

If banks become more reluctant to lend, that could slow the economy and reduce the need for the Fed to lift its key rate.

Jefferson said he expected little impact from the bank failures, saying they will likely have "a mild retardant effect" on the economy, though he added that it is "too early to tell."

His comments followed a report Wednesday that showed inflation ticked down slightly in April, though remained high. Compared with a year ago, consumer prices rose 4.9%, down from a 5% yearly increase the previous month — lowest year-over-year increase in two years. But that index — the consumer price index — has fallen further than the Fed's preferred measure, which will be updated May 26.

One of Jefferson's fellow Fed governors, Michelle Bowman, spoke earlier Friday in Europe and also expressed disappointment with the progress made toward taming inflation so far. She hinted that she might support another rate hike at the June meeting.

"Should inflation remain high and the labor market remain tight," further rate increases "will likely be appropriate" to lower inflation, Bowman said.

So far, recent inflation and jobs reports "have not provided consistent evidence that inflation is on a downward path."

Tom Barkin, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, on Wednesday also expressed disappointment with stubbornly high levels of inflation in an interview with The Associated Press.

Core inflation has been stuck in a range of 0.3%-0.5% for months, Barkin said, "where you'd really like it to be moving down and in concert with our target." □

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Florida man sets record for living underwater



In this photo provided by the Florida Keys News Bureau, diving explorer and medical researcher Dr. Joseph Dituri, right, waves to scuba diver Thane Milhoan, left, Saturday, May 13, 2023, while in Jules' Undersea Lodge, positioned at the bottom of a 30-foot-deep lagoon in Key Largo, Fla.

KEY LARGO, Fla. (AP) — A university professor broke a record for the longest time living underwater without depressurization this weekend at a Florida Keys lodge for scuba divers.

Joseph Dituri's 74th day residing in Jules' Undersea Lodge, situated at the bottom of a 30-foot-deep lagoon in Key Largo, wasn't much different than his previous days there since he submerged March 1. Dituri, who also goes by the moniker "Dr. Deep Sea," ate a protein-heavy meal of eggs and salmon prepared using a microwave, exercised with resistance bands, did his daily push-ups and took an hour-long nap. Unlike a submarine, the lodge does not use technology to adjust for the increased underwater pressure. The previous record of 73 days, two hours and 34 minutes was set by two Tennessee professors -- Bruce Cantrell and Jessica Fain -- at the same location in 2014. But Dituri isn't just settling for the record and resurfacing: He plans to stay at the lodge until June 9, when he reaches 100 days and completes an underwater mission dubbed Project Neptune 100.

The mission combines medical and ocean re-

search along with educational outreach and was organized by the Marine Resources Development Foundation, owner of the habitat. "The record is a small bump and I really appreciate it," said Dituri, a University of South Florida educator who holds a doctorate in biomedical engineering and is a retired U.S. Naval officer. "I'm honored to have it, but we still have more science to do."

His research includes daily experiments in physiology to monitor how the human body responds to long-term exposure to extreme

pressure. The outreach portion of Dituri's mission includes conducting online classes and broadcast interviews from his digital studio beneath the sea. During the past 74 days, he has reached over 2,500 students through online classes in marine science and more with his regular biomedical engineering courses at the University of South Florida.

While he says he loves living under the ocean, there is one thing he really misses. "The thing that I miss the most about being on the surface is literally the sun,"

Dituri said. "The sun has been a major factor in my life -- I usually go to the gym at five and then I come back out and watch the sunrise." □

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Djokovic overcomes mid-match lapse beats Dimitrov

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AP Sports Writer

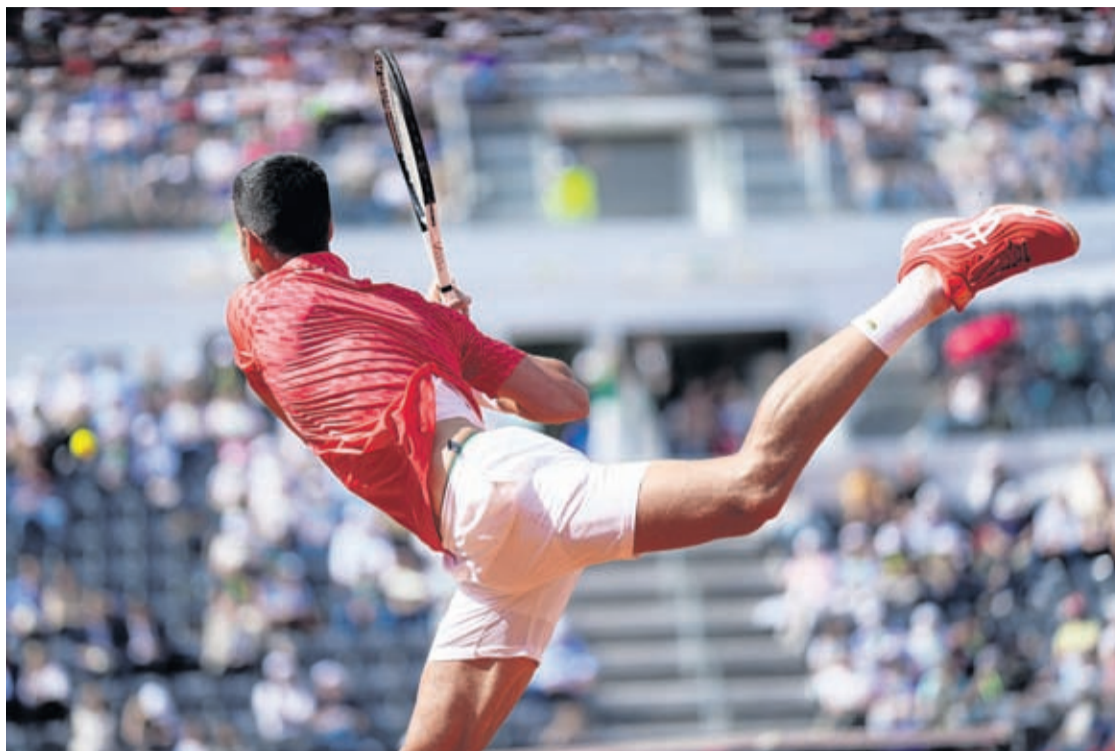
ROME (AP) — Novak Djokovic's clay-court game is still a work in progress.

The 22-time Grand Slam champion had to overcome a mid-match lapse before beating Grigor Dimitrov 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 on Sunday to reach the fourth round of the Italian Open.

Struggling with his footwork, complaining about the conditions of the clay on Campo Centrale and protesting line calls, Djokovic lost four consecutive games to hand the second set to Dimitrov, who won 12 straight points at one point during that stretch.

But Djokovic raised his game when it counted most, broke Dimitrov in the opening game of the third, and improved to 11-1 in his career against the Bulgarian.

"The crowd got into it and kind of got behind him and of course with the energy of the place, the (entire) match changed," Djokovic said. "I dropped my level a bit. But luckily I managed to find it right away in the first game, make that crucial break and kind of shape the momentum to my side. So I'm really pleased with the way I closed out the match." Returning from three weeks off because



Novak Djokovic returns the ball to Grigor Dimitrov at the Italian Open tennis tournament, in Rome, Sunday, May 14, 2023.

Associated Press

of a lingering issue with his surgically repaired right elbow, Djokovic is aiming for a seventh title in Rome. He's also preparing for the French Open, which starts in two weeks.

In his previous two tournaments on red clay, Djokovic had consecutive early exits — results that mean he will lose the No. 1 ranking after this tournament to Carlos Alcaraz again. He was also tested by Tomas Martin Etcheverry in his opener in Rome. Earlier, two-time defending champion Iga Swiatek swept aside Lesia Tsurenko 6-2, 6-0 to extend her winning streak at the Foro Italico to 13 matches. Having routed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-0, 6-0 in her opening match after a bye in the first round, Swiatek has now dropped just two games over four sets. Swiatek produced 22 winners to her Ukrainian opponent's two. "I'm just trying to be consistent and trying to play my game," Swiatek said. "I treat every match as it is a final. I try to have the right mind-

set before every match and have the energy up." After it was over, Tsurenko had some kind words at the net for Swiatek, who has been wearing a ribbon in Ukraine's colors pinned to her hat for more than a year. "She thanked me for supporting Ukraine," recounted Swiatek, who is Polish. "It's really nice and I really appreciate that. (But) there's nothing to kind of thank for, because for me it's pretty obvious that we should support Ukraine. I will do that until the war is

going to end."

If she raises the trophy again, Swiatek will join Chris Evert and Conchita Martínez as the third woman to win three consecutive titles in Rome. The top-ranked Swiatek will next meet either 16th-seeded Liudmila Samsonova or 21st-seeded Donna Vekic, who were playing later.

Coco Gauff, a French Open finalist last year, was beaten by 27th-seeded Marie Bouzkova, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. Also advancing on the red clay was 2019 Roland Garros finalist Marketa Vondrousova, who beat ninth-seeded Maria Sakkari 7-5, 6-3. Madison Keys advanced to the last 16 when Victoria Azarenka withdrew before their match due to a right leg injury.

In other men's matches, Holger Rune kept his composure amid a partisan crowd and eliminated Fabio Fognini, the veteran Italian, 6-4, 6-2.

Fognini took issue with a call early in the first set and protested at length to the chair umpire when his shot was called out after the mark was checked.

"How you can call this ball out? How can you make this mistake? There is no space," Fognini said. "It's impossible. How you can be so bad?" □

Evenepoel wins time trial before withdrawing from Giro d'Italia



Belgium's Remco Evenepoel starts the 9th stage of the Giro D'Italia, tour of Italy cycling race, an individual time trial from Savignano sul Rubicone to Cesena, Sunday, May 14, 2023.

Associated Press

CESENA, Italy (AP) — Pre-race favorite Remco Evenepoel won another time trial to move back into the

overall lead of the Giro d'Italia on Sunday but he later had to withdraw after testing positive for the coro-

navirus.

In contrast to the opening time trial, Evenepoel won by the slightest of margins on stage nine — the longest of the race's three individual time trials.

"I am really sorry to be leaving the race," Evenepoel said. "As part of the team's protocol, I took a routine test, which unfortunately was positive."

The rest of the team and staff were tested and were all negative.

The Belgian, who rides for Soudal Quick-Step, beat Geraint Thomas by just one second on the almost entirely flat 35-kilometer (22-mile) route from Savignano Sul Rubicone to Cesena

near the Adriatic coast.

That was enough for Evenepoel to win the stage and take back the leader's pink jersey. The world champion was 45 seconds ahead of Thomas, who rides for Ineos Grenadiers. Primož Roglič, who was considered Evenepoel's strongest challenger, was two seconds further back.

"I don't think I paced it very well," Evenepoel said. "I started too fast and my second part wasn't that great. I found some better legs in the technical part because I could recover a bit."

"I wasn't feeling too well in the second part with the head wind. It's another stage win but it wasn't my

best time trial."

Thomas moved into the overall lead after Evenepoel withdrew.

Tao Geoghegan Hart was third in the time trial, two seconds slower than Evenepoel. Just eight seconds separated the top five finishers in a strong performance from the general classification contenders.

Monday is the Giro's first rest day before Tuesday's 10th stage. There are two categorized climbs in the rolling 196-kilometer route through the Tuscan Apennines from Scandiano to Viareggio on the Mediterranean coast.

The race ends in Rome on May 28. □

Grizzlies suspend Ja Morant after another gun video appears on social media

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Ja Morant was suspended by the Memphis Grizzlies on Sunday after he appeared to be holding a gun in another social media video that was streamed live on Instagram, the latest in a series of concerning incidents involving the two-time All-Star guard.

It's the second time in less than three months that Morant was seen on Instagram holding what appeared to be a weapon. The first led to an eight-game NBA suspension that was handed down in March and cost Morant about \$669,000 in salary. It's unclear what sanctions Morant may face for the second video, which was captured Saturday night and widely shared online. The video was streamed on the Instagram account of Morant associate Davonte Pack, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because neither the NBA nor the Grizzlies have commented on the specifics of the latest video. "We are aware of the social media post involving Ja Morant and are in the process of gathering more information," NBA spokesman Mike Bass said. The Grizzlies, whose season is over, said Morant is suspended from all team activities "pending league review." The video streamed by Pack shows Morant in the passenger seat of a vehicle, briefly appearing to display a handgun. At the very brief moment — maybe less than a second — when Morant is shown holding what appears to be a weapon, the livestream had 111 viewers. The video that got Morant suspended during the season happened when the Grizzlies star went live on his own Instagram account while holding a gun at a club in the Denver suburbs in early March. After that went viral, Morant announced that he was taking time away from basketball to seek help, without

specifying what sort of treatment he was getting. ESPN later reported that he was getting counseling in Florida, which the team eventually confirmed but did not share any details.

"Ja's conduct was irresponsible, reckless and potentially very dangerous," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said in a statement after meeting with Morant and deciding on the suspension's length. "It also has serious consequences given his enormous following and influence, particularly among young fans who look up to him."

"He has expressed sincere contrition and remorse for his behavior," Silver continued. "Ja has also made

it clear to me that he has learned from this incident and that he understands his obligations and responsibility to the Memphis Grizzlies and the broader NBA community extend well beyond his play on the court." Morant sat down for an interview with ESPN during his suspension, taking responsibility for the video.

"I don't condone any type of violence," Morant told ESPN. "But I take full responsibility for my actions. I made a bad mistake and I can see the image that I painted over myself with my recent mistakes. But in the future, I'm going to show everybody who Ja really is, what I'm about and change this narrative."



Memphis Grizzlies' Ja Morant (12) drives to the basket against Los Angeles Lakers' Jarred Vanderbilt during the first half in Game 6 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series Friday, April 28, 2023, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

When the season ended a couple weeks ago, Morant said again that he needed to work on his decision-making. "Being disciplined on both sides, off the court making better decisions and on the court being

locked in even more," Morant said following a season-ending loss to the Los Angeles Lakers. "Being a leader of this team, it pretty much starts with me. ... I've got to be better in that area." □



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